A PROCLAMATION
(American Newspaperboy Day - Oct. 7, 1949)

WHEREAS, the work of the newspaperboy is one of the finest ways in which an American boy can learn the rules of honesty, reliability, courtesy, initiative, and thrift, which are so necessary to success in life, and

WHEREAS, thousands of successful Americans have started their careers as newspaperboys, from Benjamin Franklin, America's first newspaper carrier, to modern public figures such as General Omar Bradley, military hero; Benjamin Fairless, head of U. S. Steel; A. B. Chandler, the baseball "czar," and many others, and

WHEREAS, the newspaperboy is an important link in the great effort of gathering and publishing the news, an activity which is so necessary to inform public opinion in a democracy,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, Governor of the State of South Carolina, do hereby designate and proclaim the day of Friday, October 7th, 1949, as Newspaperboy Day in this State, and I call upon our people to recognize the important contribution to our American way of life of the energetic and valiant newspaperboy.

Given under my hand and seal this 28th Day of September, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Forty-Nine.

J. Strom Thurmond, Governor